



Situated on the northern bank of the Zambezi River in Zambia and directly opposite Zimbabwe's Mana Pools World Heritage Site, Baines' River Camp offers you a wide variety of safari activities and specialised workshops to explore one of Africa's true remote wilderness areas.

The tranquil setting, intimate atmosphere and luxury Explorer Suites make this colonial safari camp the ideal location for an unforgettable holiday or corporate getaway. A comfortable sofa on the private verandah of your suite invites you to put your feet up, relax and enjoy breath taking views across Africa's fourth largest river.

The Lower Zambezi Valley attracts visitors from all over the globe and it is our responsibility to preserve this wilderness area for many generations to come. Baines' River Camp is a founding member of the Lower Zambezi Conservation Trust, a partnership with the Community. Whilst staying with us, you directly contribute towards the Trust's objectives of both conserving our wildlife and improving the lives of our community through environmental education and skills development programs.

### The Lower Zambezi Valley

- Combined, the Lower Zambezi National Park and adjacent Eastern Chiawa Game Management Area make up 4,200 square kilometers of protected wildlife area, home to large herds of elephant, buffalo and antelope, a variety of predators including lion, leopard and hyena and many other mammal species.
- The area's 374 bird species includes water, miombo and migratory birds.
- The Zambezi River itself offers spectacular game viewing, bird watching, angling and canoe safaris.
- There are no fences around or between the two wilderness areas and wildlife roams freely.
- Set against the backdrop of the Zambezi Escarpment, with a large variety of dense vegetation, open plains and wide views across the Zambezi River, this is undoubtedly one of Africa's most beautiful wilderness areas.
- Rains are very seasonal and when they set in around the end of December each year, tourism activities come to a halt in the Lower Zambezi Valley until the end of February. Hence, we are operational from 01 March – 15 December.

### Safari Activities

We offer both river and land based safari activities. The periods in *italic* indicate the best times to visit the area for specific activities:

- River cruises make for relaxed game viewing, photography and bird watching. You will be entertained by baboons, hippo, elephant, crocodiles, water buck and the occasional buffalo on the river bank and the Zambezi's various islands. *(01 March – 15 December)*
- Sunset cruises make for a spectacular end to a day in the bush. *(01 March – 15 December)*
- Anglers visit the Zambezi River especially to catch Tiger Fish, a fearsome game fish. Strict catch and release policy. *(01 September – 30 November)*
- Canoe safaris give a totally different perspective to the African wilderness. *(01 June – 15 December)*
- Your best chance to see and photograph predators, large herds of buffalo etc. is on a game drive in an open viewing vehicle. *(01 June – 15 November)*
- Walking safaris are not for the faint-hearted and are best suited during winter months. On a walking safari the focus is mainly on tracks, vegetation, birds, butterflies etc. *(01 June – 30 September)*

### Specialised Safari Workshops

Throughout the season, we offer a variety of safari workshops, hosted by internationally renowned expert guides who are passionate about the African bush. Generally workshops are limited to 6 participants and include 4 nights accommodation on a fully inclusive basis, domestic flights between Lusaka and the camp, Lower Zambezi National Park entry fees, community and conservation levies.

- Photographic Safaris with David Rogers or Roger & Pat de la Harpe
- Fly Fishing Clinics with Keith Clover of Tourette Fishing
- Birding Weeks with ornithologist David Johnson
- Elephant studies – "Vanishing Giants of Africa" with Johan Marais





### Accommodation

Baines' River Camp can accommodate 20 guests in 8 individual suites and 1 two-bedroom family unit:

- Baines Cottage 1 *This 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom unit is ideal for families. It offers a private open plan lounge, dining and kitchen area, complimented by a deep veranda with comfortable furnishings and an al fresco dining area.*
- Explorer Suites 6 *These spacious suites are standard made up with XL King beds.*
- Junior Suites 2 *These suites are slightly smaller and permanently made up in a twin configuration.*

All rooms can be made up in a twin bed configuration.

Accommodation features:

- Air-conditioning and ceiling fan
- Large verandah with comfortable seating
- En-suite bathroom with walk-in shower (2 suites offer additional outdoor shower)
- Bathroom amenities include shower gel, shampoo, handsoap, body lotion, vanity kit, shower cap, loofah and laundry powder for smalls
- Mini bar and coffee & tea facilities, hairdryer, torch, personal safe, personal insect repellent spray and cream, insect repellent room spray

### Facilities

The mainly open plan design of the lodge area is based on a colonial style of a bygone era. Guests enjoy magnificent views of the Zambezi River from the Selous Bar, the lounge and dining areas and from the swimming pool. Facilities at Baines' River Camp include:

- Indoor & Outdoor Dining
- Swimming Pool
- Boardroom & Conference Facility
- Wireless Internet & intermittent cellular network
- Library
- Same Day Laundry Service

### Corporate Getaways

Why not leave the city noise, traffic jams and high-rise buildings behind to hold your company's annual management conference in the remote, yet inspiring African wilderness. Our Boardroom is equipped with a 5½ meter antique table, comfortable leather swivel chairs, air-conditioning, wireless internet and HD slide projector. Mixing business with pleasure doesn't get better than this.

### Spa

Enjoy beauty treatments or a massage in the privacy of your suite by our senior spa therapist.

### Power

A generator supplies power for the camp and is operational during the day. Once all guests have retired in the evening, the generator is switched off. During the night, the bathroom and bedside lights, as well as the ceiling fan remain operational in your suite through a battery powered inverter system.

### Cuisine

There are no set meal times at Baines' River Camp. Breakfasts, brunches and lunches are prepared to suit your activities and personal preferences. The true bush enthusiasts do not need to return to camp for brunch or lunch. Delicious picnic meals and snacks can be prepared for you early in the morning. Dining is a relaxed affair and usually enjoyed with other guests. If preferred, an intimate dinner for two on your private verandah can be arranged. At dinner you will have a choice of two starters, main courses and desserts. If you feel like something completely different, our kitchen team will gladly prepare a suitable dish for you.





Travel Information

Baines' River Camp is located in Zambia's Southern Province, in the Eastern Chiawa Game Management Area, adjacent to the Lower Zambezi National Park. Coordinates: S15°45 – E029°13.

From the capital Lusaka or any of Zambia's tourist destinations, we recommend transfers by light aircraft to Baines' River Camp. Our guides collect guests from the Royal Airstrip, located 9 km from the camp, for a 40 minute transfer in a game drive vehicle. Approximate distances by air to the Royal Airstrip:

- o Livingstone: 450 km
- o Lusaka: 120 km
- o Mfuwe (South Luangwa): 380 km

All visitors to Zambia require a visa, which is issued on arrival at any of Zambia's border posts. Current visa fees:

- o African States passport holders: Free
- o Other passport holders: US\$ 50
- o A KAZA UNIVISA is available for certain nationalities and will allow travellers to visit Zambia and Zimbabwe on one visa (cost US\$ 50.= .



Circuits

Get the most out of your visit to the Lower Zambezi Valley and combine it with a stay in South Luangwa, a visit to the Victoria Falls and/or a few nights on the Chobe river. Each of these four destinations offers a unique experience and complement each other. An example itinerary could be:

No. of nights	Accommodation	Attraction	Location	Country	Reservations
o 2 nights	Royal Chundu	The Victoria Falls	Zambezi River	Zambia	<a href="mailto:reservations@royalchundu.com">reservations@royalchundu.com</a>
o 3 nights	Luangwa River Lodge	South Luangwa NP	Luangwa River	Zambia	<a href="mailto:info@robinpopesafaris.net">info@robinpopesafaris.net</a>
o 3 nights	Baines' River Camp	Lower Zambezi Valley	Zambezi River	Zambia	<a href="mailto:reservations@bainesrivercamp.com">reservations@bainesrivercamp.com</a>
o 4 nights	MV Matusadona	Private Safari Cruiser	Lake Kariba	Zimbabwe	<a href="mailto:reservations@mv-matusadona.com">reservations@mv-matusadona.com</a>

Proflight Commuter Services offers scheduled flights and private air transfers between Livingstone and the wildlife areas of the Zambezi Valley and South Luangwa. The River and Road transfer from Baines' River Camp to Matusadona takes only 03h30. The closest commercial and international airport to Kariba is Lusaka International in Zambia. You can choose between a private charter (45 minutes) or a road transfer (4 hours).

Climate

The climate is such that Baines' River Camp has a limited operational season: 01 March through to 15 December.

- o **March-May**  
The end of summer and of the rains. It is hot in March and towards the end of April it starts to cool down. From May onwards, bring a jersey for the evenings. You may experience rains when visiting in March and the first part of April.
- o **June-July**  
Winter, dry. Mornings and evenings are cool to cold, but during the day you will find yourself stripping off to t-shirts and shorts. Clear blue skies.
- o **August-September**  
Spring, dry. August is usually a windy month. By the beginning of September, the weather starts to warm up significantly. Clear blue skies.
- o **October-December**  
Summer. The first rains arrive around mid November. You can expect extremely high temperatures during these months.

Medical

Please bear in mind that Zambia is a malaria area and we recommend that travellers seek advice from their doctor and/or travel clinic on the use of anti-malarial prophylactics. Please consult your Foreign Offices and Consular Sections for current travel, health and safety advisories. We recommend that travellers keep their inoculations for tropical diseases up to date whilst travelling through Africa.

